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Visit of RNLUMPIT'S Associate to Rome

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1. On 16 September RNLUMPIT appeared at [] office for a scheduled meeting, accompanied by an unannounced associate. The associate, who was not introduced by name, claimed to be passing through Rome on his way from Istanbul to London and took the opportunity to visit [] between planes. He informed [] that he was concerned with the VALUABLE activity in London and that [] would meet him there under his true name at the time of the London meeting.

2. (Subject is about six feet one inch tall, is of a rather slender build, and has a long, thin face, a fair complexion, and red hair. [] thinks he is somewhere between thirty and thirty-five years of age.)

3. RNLUMPIT'S associate first wanted to discuss the behavior of HTNEIGH in connection with the Dulles-Malamet letter exchange. When [] briefed him roughly on recent incidents, he appeared to side with the Americans.

4. The discussion then turned to the proposed budget cuts and, while subject appeared to agree that this was purely an American affair, he did suggest that it might well be explained to HTNEIGH as a shift in the expenditure of funds in the overall BGFIEND operation, rather than a straight budget cut. [] informed him that he felt it would be unwise to explain the budget cuts in this manner, since it has been a highly publicized fact that the American administration is making economies in all departments.

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5. RNLUMPIT'S associate agreed and suggested that we give the Committee notice prior to the outright announcement of the cuts. Since this procedure had already been planned by [] he obviously agreed to the suggestion.

6. RNLUMPIT'S associate then went on to talk about other things, which [] will endeavor to reconstruct to the best of his ability:

a. "Do you believe that RNCASTING is as much to blame for HTNEIGH'S difficulties as anyone in or outside the group?"

[] replied, "No, RNCASTING deals in confusion, and probably the confusion existing between the exile leaders is to his liking. I cannot say that he has taken a direct hand in causing us difficulties. I would say, instead, that our trouble is with the XNMALEDICT. The XNMALEDICT is using the Committee's backing as a means of furthering its own political success, with only one view in mind--the establishment of a future government. The other elements within the Committee have been reduced to a state of unimportance. John O. OCKLESHAW, for instance, is completely under the domination of the XNMALEDICT."

b. Subject then asked [] what he [] thought of RNCASTING'S chances for getting back in power within the country.

[] answered, "It is my personal belief that RNCASTING has no great chance of regaining his position within the country, and I do not think anyone else has much of a chance through so-called free elections if we continue to operate as we are. I believe the average KMWAAHOO does not know the meaning of the term 'free elections' and that whoever goes back in power, or becomes the future power, will be that person or that group backed by the British and the Americans, that is, if we continue to operate on the basis whereby the group or groups we support merchandise our backing to further their own political success."

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"I am concerned about the differences which exist between the three partners in this endeavor. The KMWAAHOOS must be considered as a group of individual politicians who are not concerned with the liberation of their country, but are maneuvering to get back into their former positions within the country. VALUABLE, in my opinion, extends its interests beyond the liberation of the country, which means that they think in terms of a future government. BGFIEND'S interest, however, stops with the liberation of the country. I personally believe that the Americans must amend their charter, since I do not see their position being adopted by the other partners.

"I also believe, because of the attitude of the politicians with whom we work, that it is no longer possible to separate the problem of the country's liberation from the problem of the establishment of a future government. This could only be done if all groups in exile were united under HTNEIGH'S banner and were backed in such a way that no one group could further its own selfish political aims at the expense of a less aggressive group."

c. RNLUMPIT'S associate then stated that when he came through Athens he talked with [] , and that [] is of the opinion that RNCASTING stands a very good chance of regaining his position of power. [] sensing that the whole point of this conversation was an effort to get at the relationship between RNCASTING and KUBARK, replied that he was interested in [] views and would like to hear [] elaborate on them; that he, [] could see no activity being conducted by RNCASTING which would lead him, [] to make such a conclusion.

d. From this point on the conversation was of a general nature, in which it was agreed that VALUABLE and BGFIEND had

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many problems to iron out at the forthcoming meeting in order to bring about a better understanding.

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